



#### **Favorite experience as a gerontological nurse expert educator?**

My favorite experience as a gerontological nurse expert educator remaining connected with graduates as they have pursued careers as gerontological nurse practitioners and gerontological nurse practitioners in nursing education. As an author of books directed advanced practice nurses managing the care of older adults, there is pure joy when I can reach out to graduates and ask them to be contributing authors.

Since the publication of my first book in 2000, over 40 different UNCG nurse practitioner graduates have contributed to varies sections of the books. Another joy is seeing graduates as active leaders in the field whether as part of the Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association in the state chapter and/or the national level or rising the career ladder in their jobs

#### **Who is a key person who supported you in becoming a gerontological nurse educator?**

As a nursing student in the late 70's, there were very few gerontological nurse educators that I would have considered a mentor or someone who encouraged me to pursue a full-time career in nursing education.

#### **What motivated you to become a gerontological nurse educator?**

Taking the time to complete the application gives one the opportunity to reflect over one's career trajectory. Being recognized as a nurse educator can give you pride in knowing the difference you can make in preparing the gerontological nurses of tomorrow.



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#### **About Laurie**

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